SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Mr. Speaker, Sir, Bihar is an extremely backward State despite being rich in natural resources it is the most backward State in the field of agriculture and irrigation throughout the country....(*Interruptions*)....

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members should know how to behave in the House.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: The flow of water in Ganga river during rainy season is very fast. The water lows down to the bay of Bengal and cause floods in many areas.

12.00 hrs.

This is the period when there is acute scarcity of water in the areas located on the right bank of Ganga which causes damage to crops. If this higher quantity of water is diverted to the areas south of Ganga through canals, it would not only prevent floods but also generate irrigation capacity which would ultimately protect the crops from being damaged.

Therefore, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to this problem and urge them to construct a canal somewhere between Patna and Barh to divert the flow of rain water in the Gang a river the towards south so that irrigation could be provided in Nalanda, Nawada and Gaya districts.

SHRI RATILAL VARMA (Dhanduka): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the soil of Gujarat has huge oil and gas reserves. But all the surplus gas is burnt. ONGC had been supplying gas earlier, but now a separate commission has been appointed for the purpose. The result is that neither of the two bothers to take action in this regard. Consequently the units that have been already set up have not started functioning whereas the units already functioning are on the verge of closure.

About 15 lakh cubic metres of gas was supplied to Maharashtra for which about Rs. 450 crore were sanctioned whereas Gujarat was deprived of their share despite the fact that their demand was quite reasonable. This is a great injustice to Gujarat. The Members from Gujarat have submitted a list of demandsand they will have to launch an agitation if the demands are not fulfilled.

In the end, I would like the Government to set up gas agencies in Dhanduka, Gadhada, Bawala, Bahucharaji etc. In the end, allow me to give a poetic expression to my feelings;

"Jal raha hai faltu gas, jishi huyee hai bahut behas
Ab to log keh rahe hein, yeh sarkar hai bahut careless".

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: May I bring to the notice of the hon. Members that most of you will have the opportunity to speak. Please let it be done one after the other and the senior Members will certainly have the opportunity. I think they will get it at the end.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): Sir, you are testing the patience of the Senior Members....(*Interruptions*)....

SHRI S. VIJAYA RAMA RAJU (Parvathipuram): Mr. Speaker, Sir, The gastroenteriti disease is now prevailing in Srikakulam and Virayanagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh. It is mostly prevalent in the rural areas and hundreds of people are suffering with this disease. The Government of Andhra Pradesh is not taking any proper action to prevent the disease. Neither the saline bottles are being supplied to be used for the patients nor there are proper medicines available. Because of the dehydration, deaths are increasing in that area. I request the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare to give suitable directions to the Government of Andhra Pradesh to take proper steps immediately so that the